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1. [REDACTED] Dorothy Fosdick, Senate Preparedness Investigating Subcommittee, called to say Senator Henry M. Jackson was much interested in the Robert Kaiser story in the 13 April Washington Post quoting two Soviet economists as claiming, on the basis of unclassified statistics, that the Soviet Union spent 40% or 50% of its GNP on defense. She said Jackson would like a briefing based on our analysis of this unofficial Soviet study. I said we had not received the study but understood the Moscow Embassy had obtained it or was trying to obtain it for forwarding to Washington and we would let her know as soon as we received it.

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2. [REDACTED] After conferring with Messrs. [REDACTED] Thuemer, and [REDACTED] on the subject, I called Major Claudia Ramsay, Army News, in response to her inquiry yesterday about [REDACTED] [REDACTED] I suggested she handle her inquiry from the Chicago Daily News by referring them to the listing for [REDACTED] [REDACTED] in Who's Who. I told Major Ramsay I understood this list also identified several brothers and sisters of [REDACTED]. She said she thought this was a good way of handling the matter.

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3. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] DCS, called about requirements which they have received for information from the members of the medical team which visited Hanoi recently under the auspices of Senator Kennedy's Subcommittee on Refugees and Escapees. [REDACTED] and I agreed it would be 25X1 unwise to attempt to make contact with the members of this team without first checking the Subcommittee.

I called Dale de Haan, Counsel for the Subcommittee, who accompanied the team on this trip and who is well-known to us, and asked if a report has been published on this trip or if members of the team have been made available for interviews. de Haan said the Subcommittee hopes to hold hearings on the trip but these have been delayed because of the press of other matters. Further, he said the team members have not been made available for interviews but he intends to suggest to Senator Kennedy that they at least be made available for State Department interviews. I said if this was the case I was sure 25X1 our people who are interested in the extent of medical data acquired on this trip could get the information through State channels. I suggested to [REDACTED] that he consider making contact with State on it.

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